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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS TRAINING GUIDELINES

REFTEL: STATE 094249

1. REFTEL EXCLUDES OPEC NATIONS FROM FUNDING BY S/NM FOR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM IN RELATION TO NARCOTICS TRAINING.

2. ECUADOR IS THE SMALLEST OF THE OPEC NATIONS AND UNLIKE THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND VENEZUELA, IS STILL A VERY POOR COUNTRY. IT IS ONE OF THE FIVE POOREST NATIONS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. THIS IS TRUE, EVEN WITH THE INCOME FROM PETROLEUM.

3. ECUADOR'S RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT ECUADOR, AS A MEMBER OF OPEC, IS ALREADY EXCLUDED FROM THE U.S.G.'S GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES AND ANOTHER EXCLUSION, SUCH AS SUGGESTED IN THE REFTEL WILL NOT HELP OUR RELATIONSHIP.

4. ECUADOR IS THE FOURTH MOST IMPORTANT COUNTRY IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF ILLICIT COCAINE TRAFFIC. IT IS STRATE-
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GICALLY LOCATED BETWEEN PERU AND COLOMBIA, THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT COUNTRIES IN THE COCAINE TRAFFIC. ALSO, ECUADOR SEEMS TO BE ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH ITSELF AS A REGIONAL LEADER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DRUG TRAFFIC.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT, DUE TO ITS FINANCIAL SITUATION AND IMPORTANCE IN THE DRUG TRAFFIC, ECUADOR BE

EXCEPTED FROM THE POLICY STATED IN THE REFTEL.
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